

**An Ordinance Amending the City Code to Provide
for the Regulation of Electrical Contractors
And Related Matters**

WHEREAS, the City of LaSalle deems it to be in the best interests of the City of LaSalle and the public in general that electrical contractors within the City of LaSalle be regulated as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, the City of LaSalle deems it to be an appropriate exercise of the corporate powers of the City of LaSalle that electrical contractors doing business within the City of LaSalle be regulated as provided herein, which corporate powers include, but are not limited to, the power to promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare, the power to prevent and abate nuisances, the Home Rule Power of the City of LaSalle, and the police power of the City of LaSalle; and

Now Therefore, Be It Ordained By The City Council Of The City Of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois, As Follows:

Section 1: That the above referenced recitals are hereby made a part and portion of the ordained portions of this Ordinance.

Section 2: That LaSalle City Code, Chapter 150, and more specifically Section 150.03 entitled National Electrical Code, be and the same is hereby amended to add thereto the new Section (G), et sequitur as follows:

(G) Provisions regarding the regulation of electrical contractors:

(1) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to do or perform any installation, alteration, maintenance or repair of or to any electrical conductor, equipment or other process, matter or material regulated by or within the scope of the National Electrical Code as adopted and modified thereby, without being appropriately licensed and/or registered under the provisions of this chapter.

(2) *Electrician.* An electrician license authorizes any person, firm or corporation to do any type of residential, commercial or industrial electrical wiring, including without limitation the installation or alteration of electrical equipment for utilization of electricity supplied for light, heat or power.

(3) *Licensing Procedure.* The procedure for obtaining a license shall be as follows:

(a) Application for any electrician license shall be received by the Building Inspector on forms which may be obtained from him. The application shall include the name, address and place of business of the applicant.

(b) All applicants for electrician license shall be at least 21 years of age and shall have had at least five years practical experience or shall have satisfactorily completed a course of study in the subject for which the license is sought, given by a recognized school, and have had at least one year of practical experience in addition thereto. Additionally, notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be presumed, subject to review of the qualifications by the Building Inspector, that applicants possessing the following qualifications shall be qualified for a license:

(1) Individuals licensed by another municipality within the State of Illinois having a population of at least 7500 people.

(2) Any individual qualified as a journeyman union electrician.

(c) The annual fee for an electrical license is \$100.00 payable upon meeting the terms of the City Ordinances. All licenses shall expire on the 30th day of April of each year.

(3) *Contractor Registration.* An electrical contractor is any person, firm or corporation performing work covered by the Electrical Code. All electrical contractors desiring to do work in the City of LaSalle shall be registered and licensed except as provided herein. Registration requirements are as follows;

(a) An electrical contractor shall be or employ at least one Licensed Electrician who is in responsible charge of all electrical work.

(b) Electrical contractors shall file with the annual application for registration a bond in the penal sum of \$10,000, running to the City, ensuring that the Contractor will faithfully perform the duties required by ordinance, rules or regulations of the City; suitably guard and protect any excavation or obstructions; and defend, save and keep harmless and indemnify the City of and from all actions, suits, costs, damages and expenses whatsoever, including attorney's fees, which shall at any time happen for, or on account of any injuries, or damages received or sustained by any person caused by the negligence in either the execution or protection of his work, or from unfaithful or inadequate work done under, or by virtue of, his license.

(c) The Electrical Contractor shall provide the City with a certificate of insurance at the time of application for registration and at the time of annual renewal in the following or equivalent amounts:

Public Liability and Property Damage	\$1,000,000
Umbrella Coverage	\$1,000,000

(3) *Non-transferability.* No license issued under this Chapter or registration hereunder shall be loaned, rented, assigned or transferred.

(4) *Renewal and reinstatement.* Any person, firm or corporation having received an electrical license as provided for in this chapter has the right, without further examination, to have that license renewed annually upon payment to the City of LaSalle a license fee and the execution or renewal of the bond and insurance required by this chapter.

Any license forfeited for non-payment of a renewal fee may be reinstated upon the payment of the annual renewal fee without re-examination, provided however, that the person had been properly licensed the previous year. A person whose license has not been renewed for two or three years may apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals for reinstatement and may be licensed without re-examination upon the inspector finding that the applicant is qualified for licensing. Any license lapsed for more than three years may only be licensed by passing the examination.

(5) *Suspension or revocation of rights and privileges:* Any person licensed or electrical contractor registered in the City of LaSalle under this chapter may have his license or registration suspended or revoked by the Building Inspector for cause, after notice and an opportunity to be heard in his own defense. Upon notification from the Building Inspector of one or more violations listed herein, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall investigate and determine if suspension or revocation of rights and privileges is appropriate. If the electrical commission, by majority vote, determines that suspension or revocation is in order, the mandate takes effect immediately and stays in effect during any appeal process. Cause for suspension or revocation of a license or registration shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- (a) Refusal or failure to make any necessary corrections to electrical work within a reasonable time after notification of the defects therein;
- (b) Failure to obtain electrical permits;
- (c) Transfer of electrical permits or license;
- (d) Failure to call for required inspections;

(e) Unwillingness or inability to install electrical work in accordance with the terms and provisions of this chapter;

(f) Violation of any provision of this chapter;

(g) False representations.

All appeals of the decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be made to the City Council. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this Code or the rules legally adopted hereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this Code do not apply, or the requirements of this Code are adequately satisfied by other means

(5) *Owner exemption:* The owner of a property may personally carry on such property any work governed by this article without a license and registration as required by Section G(3), provided that such owner shall obtain a permit for any such work; perform such work personally or with the assistance of any family member; and shall call for inspections as provided in this chapter.

(6) *Additional exemptions from the license, permit and/or inspection requirements.* The license requirements of Section G(3) and the permit provisions do not apply to:

(a) Public service agencies installing, altering or repairing electrical equipment for the operation of communication and signals. This exemption applies only to equipment and conductors owned by the serving agency which are exterior to any premises or dwelling unit; this does not exempt the electrical work of the buildings of such public service agencies.

(b) *Transmitting equipment.* The installation, alteration, modification or use of electrical equipment for radio and television transmission, except the equipment and wiring for power supply therefore.

(c) That additionally, there shall be provided and allowed a one-time exception from the payment of the registration fee for an individual and/or entity of any type that would otherwise qualify as an applicant for an electrical license but has not previously performed electrical work within the City of LaSalle to work on one contractual project within the City without the need for paying a registration fee. However, said individual and/or entity shall be required in that event to register for this one time exception and in order to qualify for this one time exception shall be required to be qualified for a license, with the exception only applying to the payment of the \$100.00 fee for the particular project involved. Additionally, any subsequent services or work performed within the City of LaSalle shall be prohibited absent paying the registration fee and obtaining the full license unless as otherwise provide above herein

Section 3: That any person and/or entity who violates this Ordinance shall be fined not less than \$75.00 and not more than \$750.00 for each violation and each day that a violation occurs shall constitute a new offense in violation of this Ordinance. That additionally, the City shall have available to it such other lawful remedies as may be appropriate in the circumstances including, but not limited to the remedy of injunctive relief.

Section 4: That additionally, in the event that any provision of this Ordinance and/or portion thereof should be declared invalid and/or unenforceable, the invalidity of any such provision shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 5: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect sixty days subsequent to its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois, held on the 26 day of August, 2014, by a roll call vote, with:

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN	AYE VOTE	NAY VOTE	ABSTAIN / ABSENT
James Demes	X		
James W. Bacidore	X		
Tom Ptak	X		
Jerry Reynolds	X		
John Lavieri	X		
John S. Duncan, III	X		
Therold Herndon	X		
Mark Schneider	X		
Jeff Grove, Mayor			

APPROVED: _____, Dated ____/____/2014
Mayor

ATTEST: _____, Dated ____/____/2014
City Clerk, City of LaSalle

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